Virginia

The options for eligibility for the 2006-07 school year for a student from Virginia are:

- The Virginia Advanced Studies Diploma
- *The State Scholars Initiative requirements*. This program, currently offered in Virginia and twenty-one other States and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
 - o Four years of English;
 - o Three years of math (including Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry);
 - o Three years of lab science (biology, chemistry, physics);
 - o Three-and-one-half years of social studies; and
 - o Two years of a language other than English.
- A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative. This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - o Four years of English;
 - o Three years of Math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - o Three years of social studies; and
 - o One year of a foreign language.
- Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores. This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
- *Virginia Coursework Requirements*. This program requires:
 - o Four years of English;
 - o Three years of mathematics (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - o Three years of social studies; and
 - An industry certification, state professional license, or successful completion of an occupational competency exam.